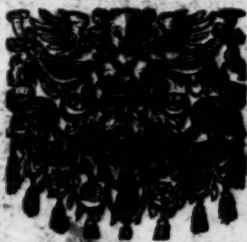


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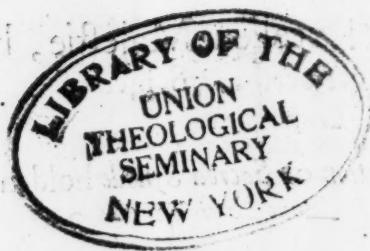
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**A**ugustissimo & Serenissimo Do-  
mino nostro, CAROLO, Dei  
gratiâ, Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ  
& Hiberniæ Regi, fidei defen-  
sori, &c. Guilielmus, pro-  
videntiâ divinâ Cant. Archiepiscopus, totius An-  
gliæ Primas & Metropolitanus, propensissimam  
subjectionem & obedientiam, ac in eo qui est Rex  
Regum, & dominus dominantium summam felici-  
tatem. Serenissimæ vestræ Majestati per publi-

cum hoc Instrumentum testatum facimus; Quod  
 Prælati & Clerus Provinciæ nostræ Cantuar. in  
 Convocatione sive sacrâ Synodo Provinciali, auto-  
 ritate Brevis vestri Regii ad nos dati, in domo Ca-  
 pitulari Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Sancti Pauli Lon-  
 don, decimo quarto die mensis Aprilis, Anno Dom.  
 millesimo sexcentesimo quadragesimo (ex conti-  
 nuatione & prorogatione ejusdem) inchoatâ &  
 celebratâ ac de die in diem usque ad, & in decimum  
 sextum diem instantis Maii, Anno prædict. ante  
 meridiem etiam continuatâ in Ecclesia Collegiata  
 beati Petri Westmonast. eodem decimo sexto die  
 præsentis mensis legitimè congregati pro quibusdam  
 arduis & urgentibus causis per nos ejusdem  
 Provinciæ Clero propositis, ac inter eos sedulò pen-  
 sitatis, quandam Benevolentiam sive Contri-  
 butionem, magnificentiæ vestræ Regiæ, sponta-  
 neo unanimitique consensu dederunt & concesserunt,  
 prout tenore hujus publici Instrumenti plenius  
 liquet, Majestatem vestram suppliciter obnixèque  
 rogantes, ut hanc eorum Concessionem benignè ac-  
 cipere ac æqui bonique consulere dignemini. Tenor  
 verò prædictæ Concessionis de verbo in verbum  
 sequitur, & est talis.

Most




 Of Excellent and most  
 gracious Sovereign LORD,  
 We your Majesties faithfull  
 Subjects, the Prelates and  
 Clergie of the Province of  
*Canterburie*, being called together by autho-  
 rity of Your Majesties Writ, and at this pre-  
 sent being lawfully assembled in a Provin-  
 ciall Synod or Convocation, well weighing  
 and maturely considering with themselves  
 that great and bounden dutie, which by the  
 rules of the Sacred Scripture they do owe to  
 your gracious Majestie their Sovereign Lord,  
 especially for your constant defence of the  
 Faith, and the protection of Christs holy  
 Church amongst us, by the maintenance of  
 the happy government thereof, together  
 with the continuance of the sincere Preach-  
 ing of the Gospel. And moreover, as obe-  
 dient Subjects, well weighing the singular  
 care which Your Majestie hath, for the well  
 guiding and governing of all that people  
 which is by God committed to Your charge.  
 And not forgetting those great expences  
 whereat

whereat Your Majestie now is, and hereafter is more likely to be, as well for the Honourable sustentation of Your Royall estate at home, and the necessary defence of this Your Realm, as also for the effectuall furtherance of Your Majesties most Royall and extraordinary designes abroad, have with one agreement and unanimous consent given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant to Your Majestie, Your Heirs and Successors, one Benevolence, or extraordinary Contribution of four shillings in the pound yearly, during the space of six yeers next ensuing the date hereof, by two severall payments in every of the said six yeers, by even and equall portions in name and form as here followeth; That is to say, That every Archbishop, Bishop, Deane, Archdeacon, Provost, Master of Colledge, Prebendary, Parson, & Vicar, and every other person and persons, of whatsoever name or degree he or they be within the Province of *Canterbury*, having or enjoying any spiritual promotion, or other temporall possession to the same spiritual promotion annexed, now not divided

nor separated by act of Parliament or otherwise, from the possession of the Clergie, shall pay to Your Majestie, Your Heirs and Successours, for every pound that he may yeerly receive and dispend by reason of the said spirituall promotion, the sum of four shillings yeerly for every of the said six yeers. And for the true and certain value of all the promotions and every of them, whereof the payment of this Benevolence or Contribution shall be made, the Rate, Taxation, Valuation, and Estimation now remaining upon Record in your Majesties Court of Exchequer, for the payment of a perpetuall Disme or Tenth granted unto King *Henry* the eight of worthy memory in the six and twentieth yeer of his Reiga, concerning such promotions as now be in the possession of the Clergie, shall onely be followed and observed, without making any other Valuation, Rate, Taxation, or Estimation, then in the said Record is comprised.

Provided alwayes, that forasmuch as the tenth part of the said Rate and valuation is yeerly paid to Your Majestie for the said per-

petuall Disme or Tenth, so as there remain onely nine parts yeerly to the Incumbent cleer; This present Benevolence or Contribution of four shillings in the pound, shall be understood and meant onely of every full pound of the said nine parts, and nothing for any other money not amounting to a full pound. And your Prelates and Clergie do also grant, that this present Benevolence or Contribution of four shillings of the full pound of the nine parts of the yeerly value of every spirituall promotion aforesaid, within the said Province taxed as aforesaid, shall be paid to Your Majestie, Your Heirs and Successours, in manner and form following; That is to say, The first payment of the said Benevolence or Contribution in every of the said six yeers next following, to be due upon the first day of November; And the second payment to be due the first day of May, in every one of the said six yeers, as aforesaid, to be delivered and paid to the Lord high Treasurer or under Treasurer of *England*, or to such person or persons as Your Majestie, Your Heirs and Successours shall appoint for

for receipt thereof, to the use of Your Majestie, Your Heirs, and Successours, according to the severall times of payment above specified, and at such place and places as it shall please Your Majestie, Your Heirs, and Successours to appoint for the payment of the same, without any deduction, saving of six pence of every pound, for the Monition or Citation, Collection, and Portage, safe-conveying and attendance in paying of the said Benevolence or Contribution, and without any manner of charge of the Accomptant, saving three shillings four pence for the generall Acquittance for every one of the payments of the said Benevolence or Contribution:

Provided alwayes, that no person which at this present is, or hereafter shall be in composition with Your Majestie, Your Heirs and Successours, for the first-fruits of any Benefice or spirituall promotion, shall be contributory or charged for the same Benefice or promotion to Your Majestie, Your Heirs or Successours, with any part of the said Benevolence or Contribution during the first

year after the time of any such compounding for his first-fruits.

Provided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Masters, Wardens, and Prebendaries of all Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches and Colledges, or any of them within the said Province, shall be charged with this Benevolence or Contribution for those possessions, revenues, and promotions onely, which to their severall promotions, dignities, and roomes are cleerly and distinctly limited, and to their onely use severed, thereof to pay (the tenth part being deducted) for every and each of the said payments, in manner and form as is above rehearsed. And that all those rents, possessions, profits, portions, Hereditaments, and spirituall promotions, and every of them heretofore by Your Majestie, or any of the Kings or Queens of this Realm, or any other person or persons whatsoever, given, granted, bequeathed, devised, or impropriated unto the said Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colledges, or to any of them, which any wayes be assigned, imployed, or  
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used, either for or toward the yearly maintenance of Readers of Divinitie, Schoole-masters, Ushers, Grammarians, Petti-cansons, Conducts, Vicars-chorall, Singing-men, Choristers, Vergers, Sextons, poor men, or of any other necessary or daily Officers or Ministers in such Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colledges, or any of them, or for or towards the reedifying or repairing of any of the same Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colledges, shall not in any of the said six yeers be charged with any part of this Benevolence or Contribution.

Provided alwayes, that every Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall person paying any Pension whereof no allowance is made in the valuation of his promotion or Benefice, shall and may retain to his own use and relief so much of every pound of every such Pension for every payment of this Benevolence or Contribution as he standeth charged by this Grant to pay for every part and payment of this Benevolence or Contribution, out of every pound for the whole valuation of his

spirituall promotion, any Covenant, Grant, or Bond to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this Benevolence or Contribution, or any part thereof, shall not be demanded or levied out of any Benefice, house of Students, or Colledge situate or set within either of the Universities of *Oxford* or *Cambridge*, or any Benefice, lands, or other Revenues, unto the said Universities, or either of them, or to any house of Students, or Colledge in any of the said Universities, united, appropriated, or appertaining, or out of any Benefice, lands, or Revenues of the Colledge of *Windsore*, or of the Colledge of *Westminster*, or of the Colledge of *Eaton* neer *Windsore*, or of the Colledge called *Saint Mary Colledge* by *Winchester*, founded by *William Wickham*, sometime Bishop of *Winchester*, or of any Hospitall, Almes-houses, Grammar-Schools, or of any Church-Benefice, or other Revenues to the said Colledges, Hospitals, Almes-houses, or Grammar-Schools, or to any of them annexed, appropriated, or otherwise appertaining.

Provided alwayes, that all Parsons, Vicars,



cars, and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, whose Benefices are not above six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence by the year, after the taxation aforesaid, shall not be charged with this Benevolence or Contribution, or any part of the same.

Provided also, that every Vicar whose Benefice is eight pounds or above, and not above ten pounds by the year, according to the taxation aforesaid, shall pay unto your Majestie, your Heirs and Successours, six shillings and eight pence at every payment afore limited, of the said Benevolence or Contribution, at such times and to such persons as is aforesaid, for his part of the said Benevolence or contribution: And if any Vicarage be under eight pounds, by the taxation aforesaid, the Incumbent shall not be charged with any part or payment of the said Benevolence or Contribution.

And we your said Prelates and Clergy, most humbly beseech your most excellent Majestie to take in good part our loving mindes and hearty good wills herein, and to accept of this small gift of ours, though it

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be nothing answerable to our good desires,  
and yet according to the best of our poor  
abilities.

**I**N quorum omnium & singulorum præmisso-  
rum fidem & testimonium, nos Guilielmus,  
providentia divina Cantuariensis Archiepi-  
scopus antedictus, hoc præsens publicum Instru-  
mentum ad humilem rogatum Prælatorum, &  
Cleri nostræ Cant. Provincia prædictæ, Sigilli  
nostri Archiepiscopalis appensione, ac signo, no-  
mine & subscriptione Sacvilli Wade Notarii pub-  
lici, Deputati Willielmi Sherman Registrarii no-  
stri principalis, jussimus & fecimus communiri.  
Datum in Ecclesia Collegiata divi Petri West-  
monasteriensis, dicto decimo sexto die mensis Maii,  
Anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo quadrage-  
simo, Regnique vestri felicissimi decimo sexto; Et  
nostræ Translationis anno septimo.

Et ego Sacvillus Wade, in Diocesi Roffensi  
natus, publicus supremâ Regiâ autoritate notari-  
us; Quia Benevolentia sive Contributionis  
prædictæ concessioni ceterisque præmissis omnibus  
& singulis prænotatis, dum sic (ut præmittitur)  
expediebantur & fiebant, una cum præfato Reve-  
rendissimo

rendissimo patre & ceteris Patribus Cantuari-  
 ensis Provincia in eadem sacra Synodo sive Con-  
 vocatione congregatis, praesens personaliter inter-  
 fui, eaque omnia sic fieri, geri & expediri vidi, sci vi  
 & audiri, atque in notam sumpsi. Ideo hoc pra-  
 sens publicum Instrumentum, tenorem concessionis  
 Benevolentiae sive Contributionis praedictae in  
 se continens, manu alterius (me interim aliis  
 impedito negotiis) fideliter scriptum exinde con-  
 feci, subscripsi, & publicavi: atque in hanc pub-  
 licam & authenticam formam redegi, signoque,  
 nomine, cognomine & subscriptione meis solitis &  
 consuetis, una cum appensione Sigilli praefati Re-  
 verendissimi patris signavi in fidem & testi-  
 monium omnium & singulorum praemissorum ius-  
 sus, & requisitus.

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*Ordinationes* five *Canones* Ecclesiastici in Sacra Synodo prædicta, facti pro le-  
vatione & collectione *Benevolentia* five  
*Contributionis* voluntariæ antedictæ, una cum  
censuris & poenis Ecclesiasticis contra  
*non solventes vel solvere recusantes.*



*Ordinationes* aliquot Synodales fa-  
ctæ vicesimo primo die mensis  
Maii, Anno Domini millesimo  
sexcentesimo quadragesimo, per  
Reverendissimum in Christo Pa-  
trem & dominum, Dominum  
*Guilielmum* Divina providentia *Cant.* Archiepisco-  
pum, totius *Anglia* Primatem & Metropolitanum,  
aliiſque Prælatos provinciæ *Cantuar.* secum seden-  
tes, & per reliquum Clerum inferiorem in sacra  
Synodo infra Ecclesiam Collegiatam Divi *Petri*  
*westmonaster.* pro collectione & solutione ejusdam  
*Benevolentia*, seu voluntariæ contributionis qua-  
tuor solidorum in qualibet libra, serenissimo Do-  
mino nostro *Carolo* Dei gratia *Anglia*, *Scotia*,  
*Francia* & *Hibernia* Regi, fidei Defensori, &c. per  
eosdem,

eisdem, Archiepiscopum, praelatos ac Clerum in dicta Synodo congregatos, decimo sexto die mensis Maii prædicti, concessit.



Uam Nos *Guilielmus* providentia Divina *Cantuar.* Archiepiscopus, totius *Anglie* Primas & Metropolitanus, Episcopi, Prælati, & Clerus, &c. in sacra Synodo provinciali, sive Prælatorum & Cleri ejusdem *Cantuar.* provincie Convocatione in Ecclesia Cathedrali Divi *Pauli Londini*, decimo quarto die mensis Aprilis ultimo præteriti inchoata & celebrata, ac de tempore in tempus ex causis urgentibus ad Ecclesiam Collegiatam Divi *Petri westmonaster.* ac ibidem de diebus in dies continuata, congregati: post multa ibidem per nos tractata, die Sabbathi decimo sexto viz. die mensis Maii supradicti, quandam benevolam Contributionem quatuor solidorū pro qualibet libra Angustissimo & potentissimo Regi & Domino nostro *Carolo*, &c. concesserimus ex Beneficiis & proventibus nostris Ecclesiasticis colligendā & levandam infra sexennium proximū, persolvendam singulis viz. annis durante illo sexennio, modo, forma, diebus, ac sub cautionibus & conditionibus in quodam instrumento publico inde confecto, & sigillo Archiepiscopali *Cantuar.* munito; Dat. dicto decimo sexto die mensis Maii, plenius liquet.

Quumque idem Serenissimus Dominus noster

Rex per literas suas patentes sub magno sigillo *Angliae*, facultatem huic sacrae Synodo concesserit, non modo Canones Ecclesiasticos ordinandi, pro commodiore Ecclesiae Anglicanae regimine, sed etiam de alijs quibuscunque rebus & negotiis tractandi atque decernendi per ipsum Dominum Regem eidem Synodo sub signetto suo transmissis vel transmittendis; sub quo signetto literis suae Majestatis datis vicesimo die instantis mensis Maii dictus serenissimus Dominus Rex praecepit monuitque, ut ad Canones & Synodales Ordinationes pro collectione & levatione dictae Contributionis faciendos atque ordinandos procederemus.

Ut igitur supradicta nostra Concessio faciliorem & magis expeditum consequi possit effectum, utque omnes & singulae pecuniarum summae per nos singulis dicti sexennii annis Concessae certius & commodius colligantur, ac terminis & locis suis ad usum dicti Domini nostri *Caroli* persolvantur, statuimus, ordinamus, & volumus, quod dicta Contributio ab omnibus & singulis personis Ecclesiasticis *Cantuar.* provinciae, quae vigore dictae Concessionis contribuere tenentur, per Collectores idoneos ad hoc, per suos Diocesanos, seu sede vacante, per Decanum & Capitulum, singulis annis per dictum sexennium deputandos modo & forma subsequen-  
tibus levetur & colligatur.

*Item* auctoritate praesentis Convocationis sive Synodi ordinamus & statuimus, quod ante primum diem mensis Augusti cujuslibet Anni qui in dictum

dictum sexennium incidet, Reverendissimus pater  
*Cant.* Archiepiscopus, omnesq; & singuli dictæ  
*Cant.* provinciæ Episcopi, Dioecesani & (sede Episcopali  
vacante) Decanus & Capitulum Collectores ido-  
neos in omnibus locis exemptis, & non exemptis,  
in singulis suis respective Dioecesibus ad dictam  
contributionem & quamlibet ejus partem modo,  
forma, & terminis infra expressis debite levandam  
& colligendam juxta eorum arbitria, & sanas dis-  
cretionem per Literas suas patentes sigillis suis Epi-  
scopalibus, seu Capitularibus respective munitas,  
annuatim constituent, ordinabunt & deputabunt, ac  
ipsos sic deputatos, & eorum quemlibet si fuerint  
Ecclesiastici, ad hujusmodi Collectionis Officium  
suscipiendum per censuras Ecclesiasticas, viz. per  
suspensionis, interdicti aut Excommunicationis  
sententias, ac per sequestrationem fructuum, &  
proventuum, Beneficiorum aut dignitatum, ac alia  
Juris remedia, si hujusmodi onus subire recusave-  
rint, coerceant & compellant. Quod si dictus  
Archiepiscopus, Episcopus aliquis, Dioecesanus, vel  
(sede vacante) Decanus & Capitulum laicam perso-  
nam aliquam deputaverit, talis sit istiusmodi per-  
sona laica, pro qua dicti Archiepiscopus, Episco-  
pus, aut Decanus & Capitulum respondere tene-  
buntur. De quorum quidem collectorum nomini-  
bus singuli Episcopi supradicti & Decani & Ca-  
pitula Reverendissimum Patrem *Cant.* Archiepis-  
copum ante primum diem mensis Septembris sin-  
gulis dicti sexennij Annis debite & distinctè certifi-  
care teneantur.

*Item*, quod Collectores huiusmodi quolibet dicti sexennij anno sic constituti & deputati, constituendi, vel deputandi huius sacri Consilij auctoritate plenam habeant potestatem omnes & singulos infra suæ collectionis præcinctum huiusmodi contributionis solutione onerandos ante primum diem quorumlibet mensium Octobris & Aprilis cuiuslibet anni dicti sexennij vel personaliter vel in valvis Ecclesiarum & locorum pro quibus hanc contributionem solvere tenentur per Apparitorem, vel Apparitores, vel eorum deputatos in scriptis monendi, ut pecuniarum summas per eos solvendas ante primum diem mensium Novembris & Maij, tunc proximè sequentium per dictum sexennium in aliquo loco vel locis publicis, commodis & usitatis per dictos Diocesanos, aut (sede vacante) per dictos Decanos & Capitula assignandis infra Collectionis suæ limites plenè & integrè solvant.

*Item* volumus, concedimus & ordinamus, quod quilibet collector, si Ecclesiastica fuerit persona, ad hanc contributionem vel aliquam ejus partem colligendam deputatus aut deputandus, omnes & singulos huic contributioni obnoxios & personaliter, vel in valvis Ecclesiarum sive locorum pro quibus hanc contributionem solvere tenentur, sufficienter monitos & comparere ad dies præstitutos & assignatos negligentes, vel non solventes, seu solvere recusantes, aut ultra diem solutioni præfinitum differentes, per censuras Ecclesiasticas, suspensionis, excommunicationis, aut interdicti, vel per sequestrationem



tionem & venditionem fructuum; plenam solutionem faciendam efficaciter compellendi & coercendi, ac etiam eosdem plene & integrè solventes, seu satisfaciētes a quibuscunq; censuris, sententijs & poenis in ipsos & eorum quemlibet in eā parte promulgatis & inflictis absolvendi, ac quemcunq; processum contra non comparentes aut non solventes, per eos factum, revocandi & relaxandi auctoritate præsentis Convocationis sufficientem habeant potestatem. Quod si Episcopus aliquis, seu, sede vacante, Decanus & Capitulum laicam aliquam personam ad hanc contributionem colligendam deputaverit, Ordinamus & statuimus quod ipse Episcopus, seu, sede vacante, Decanus & Capitulum dictas Censuras & pœnas infligendi & erogandi, easdemq; relaxandi & revocandi auctoritate præsentis Synodi plenam habebunt potestatem.

*Item* volumus insuper & præsentis Convocationis auctoritate decernimus, quod omnes & singuli collectores (ut præfertur) deputati vel deputandi omnes & singulas pecuniarum summas collectas & levatas, seu quas recipere potuerunt, & negligenter omiserunt ante decimum quintum diem quorumlibet mensium Decembris & Junij infra dictum sexennium suis respectivè Episcopis, sedibus plenis, & Decanis & Capitulis sedium vacantium sine aliquā monitione in eā parte eisdem collectoribus fiendā, sub pœna, si fuerint Ecclesiastici, suspensionis, excommunicationis aut interdicti, ac per sequestrationem & venditionem fructuum suorum

orum, beneficiorum, & dignitatum, & si opus fuerit, per deprivationem per eisdem Episcopos sedibus plenis, vel per Decanum & Capitulum sede vacante infligenda totaliter & integrè solvent, seu solvi curabunt ab eisdem Epif. & Decano & Capitulo respectivè Quietancias idoneas pro summis hujusmodi solutis recipientes.

Provisio semper, quod quilibet Collector, eisdem diebus quibus dictas summas, ita ut præfertur, collectas solvit, Diocesanum suum Episcopum, sede plenà, & Decanum & Capitulum, sede vacante, de nominibus ad dies præscriptos integrè non solventium in scriptis certiores faciet, & per Juramentum suum fidem præstabit quod ab illis summas debitas levare & colligere non potuerit, neq; possit, licet diligentiam suam in eà parte adhibuerit, ac contra non solventes modo & forma præscriptis processerit, in eo casu volumus, quod hujusmodi Collector coram dicto suo Ordinario sede plenà, vel Decano & Capitulo sede vacante ad fidem & Juramentum suum præstandum in eà parte admitatur. Et si nec auxilio & autoritate Episcopi, sede plenà, vel Decani & Capituli sede vacante, nec diligentia suà per Juris remedia suprascripta Collector hujusmodi ante dictos dies viz. decimum quintum diem mensium Decembris, & Junij cujuslibet anni prædictorum sex annorum ab hujusmodi recusantibus, vel differentibus summas debitas integrè, vel pro parte recuperare non possit: volumus & ordinamus, quod dictus collector, vel  
totaliter

totaliter vel pro eâ portione quam recipere non potuit, exoneretur, ac liber dimittatur & acquietur. Et quod Episcopus (sede plena) vel Decanus & Capitulum (sede vacante) respectivè per Juramentum collectoris ita certiorati, ad Reverendissimum Patrem *Cant.* Archiepiscopum nomina omnium non solventium, vel solvere differentium, sub sigillo suo authentico Episcopali vel capitulari, ante decimum quintum diem mensium Januarii, & Julii, singulis annis dicti sexennii transmittet sub pænâ sequestrationis, suspensionis, vel privationis, arbitrio dicti Reverendissimi Patris cum concilio & consensu trium aliorum hujus provincie Episcoporum, per eundem Reverendissimum Patrem ad hoc nominandorum & accersendorum infligendæ. Et quod tres Episcopi ita nominati, & per literas privatas, manu dicti Archiepiscopi subscriptas, acciti comparere & eidem Archiepiscopo assistere, per omnia Juris remedia per dictum Archiepiscopum, autoritate hujus Sacre Synodi compelli possint.

*Item* volumus, ordinamus, & statuimus quod dictus Reverendissimus Pater omnes & singulos non solventes, vel solvere differentes, in dictis literis Certificatoriis dicti Episcopi (sede plena) vel Decani & Capituli (sede vacante) nominatos, vigore hujusmodi Certificatorii, absq; aliâ Citationem aut probationem, ab omnibus suis dignitatibus, Præbendis & Beneficiis pro quibus summas debitas non solverunt, privare & amovere per sententiam suam finalem,

lem, & definitivam, omni appellatione remotâ & pro amotis & privatis, decernendi, & declarandi auctoritate hujus sacri Concilii provincialis plenam & sufficientem habeant potestatem & auctoritatem.

*Item* auctoritate quâ supra, volumus, ordinamus, & statuimus quod omnes provinciæ *Cant.* Episcopi sedibus plenis, & Decani & Capitula sedium vacantium ante decimum quintum diem mensium Februarii & Augusti singulis annis dictorum sex annorum omnes pecuniarum summas, tam per ipsos Episcopos respectu Episcopatum, & per Decanos & Capitula intuitu Ecclesiarum Cathedralium sedium vacantium, quam ab aliis quibuscunq; hujus Benevolæ contributionis solutione oneratis, levatas & collectas, cuicunq; aut quibuscunque per Serenissimum Regem Dominum *Carolus* ad hoc assignando vel assignandis, sub suspensionis, excommunicationis, interdicti, fructuum sequestrationis & venditionis, vel (si opus fuerit) privationis pœnâ, per dictum Reverendissimum Archiepiscopum cum consilio, & consensu trium Confratrum suorum hujus provinciæ Episcoporum, tam contra dictos Episcopos, quam contra Eccles. Cathedrales & singulas earundem personas hujus contributionis solutione oneratas, infligenda, integrè solvent, vel solvi curabunt, & dictum Archiepiscopum de integrâ summâ solutâ & de acquietantia quacunq; à receptore Regio vel receptoribus Regiis sic assignando, vel assignandis ante vicessimum diem dictorum mensium Februarii, & Augusti authenticè unâ cum nominibus

minibus illorum omnium denuo à quibus summas debitas colligere non potuerunt sub poenis prædictis, certificabunt, seu certificari curabunt, nisi fide dicto Reverendissimo Patri factâ, quod dictus Receptor vel dicti Receptores summas solvendas per integrum quadriduum recipere distulerit vel distulerint, aut tales acquietantias tradere recusaverit vel recusaverint. Et quia res cum suo onere transire debet, ordinamus & statuimus, quod si contingat dignitatum & Beneficiorum prædictorum possessorem quemcunque dictâ contributione aut aliquâ ejus parte non solutâ, ab hac luce migrare, resignare, cedere, aut privari, quod tunc & in eo casu non solum Successores in Dignitatibus vel Beneficiis, hujus Contributionis solutione oneratis per supra dicta omnia superius in hisce ordinationibus provisâ remedia pro ultimâ solutione anni ultimò elapsi solvere & satisfacere compellantur, verum etiam quod Executores & Administratores eorundem sic decedentium (si opus fuerit) & ipsimet resignantes, cedentes, & deprivati, juxta ratam portionem fructuum quæ ad manus suas eo anno pervenerit, per omnia legitima Juris remedia ad hujusmodi contributionem, & quamlibet ejusdem portionem solvendam compelli possint.

*Item* volumus, statuimus & ordinamus pro efficaciori & expeditiori hujus contributionis collectione, quod Episcopi dictæ provinciæ *Cantuariensis*, sede plena, & Decanus & Capitulum, sede vacante, dignitatum & beneficiorum illorum omnium qui

ab hac luce ( eâdem contributione aut aliquâ ejus parte non solutâ ) abierint, resignaverint, cesserint vel amoti aut privati fuerint, quamdiu eorum Beneficia vacaverint per sequestrationem & venditionem fructuum & emolumentorum talium dignitatum, & Beneficiorum ita vacantium integram contributionem vel quamcunq; ejus portionem non solutam levare & colligere autoritate hujus Convocationis licitè valeant & possint: quorum tamen conscientias oneramus ut satisfactione sequuta, quamprimum sequestrationes ob hanc causam interpositas revocent, & cum effectu relaxent.

Volumus etiam, & autoritate hujus Synodi decernimus & ordinamus, quod a censuris Ecclesiasticis vel sententiis & decretis sequestrationum quibuscunque suprâ provisîs, & per Collectores, vel Episcopos sedibus plenis, & Decanum & Capitulum sedium vacantium pronunciatis & promulgatis, nullus sit appellationi vel recusationi locus.

*Item*, volumus, ordinamus, & statuimus, quod nullus Collector præsentis Contributionis recipiet pro aliquâ acquietantiâ fiendâ ultra quatuor denarios, nec pro censuris ullis, aut sententiis suspensionis, interdicti, vel sequestrationis, & absolutione & relaxatione eorundem aut eorum cujusvis ultra summam duorum solidorum: & quod quilibet Collector infra præcinctum suæ Collectionis autoritatem habeat compellendi apparitorem & apparitores ordinarios ejusdem præcinctus

cinctus ad monendos omnes & singulos hujus Contributionis solutione oneratos, & onerandos, quoties occasio aut necessitas postulabunt, cui apparitori, seu apparitoribus concedimus unum denarium de singulis sex denariis in Concessione nostrâ Serenissimo Domino nostro Regi factâ, reservatis, pro citatione, monitione, collectione, & solutione hujus Benevolentia, seu extraordinaria Contributionis.

*Item*, hujus sacrae Synodi autoritate volumus & ordinamus, quod si in posterum aliqua dubia, ambiguitates, difficultates, aut querelæ circa has Ordinationes, vel aliquem earundem articulum, aut circa modum aut formam Collectionis hujus Contributionis oriantur: Tunc & in eo casu omnium hujusmodi dubiorum, ambiguitatum, difficultatum, aut querelarum interpretationes & declarationes fiant per Reverendissimum in Christo Patrem Archiepiscopum *Canuar.* Dominos Episcopos *London. Winton. Sarum. Elien. & Rossen.* pro tempore existente, aut duos eorundem, quorum idem Reverendissimus Pater sit unus, cujus quidem Reverendissimi Patris interpretationi & declarationi, ut præfertur, fiendæ, omnino stare & acquiesci autoritate quâ suprà decernimus & ordinamus.

*Provisio* tamen semper, quod propter sententiam suspensionis in Curia Camera stellatæ jampridem latam contra Iohannem Episcopum *Lincoln.* dicta sedes *Lincoln.* quoad hanc rem pro sede vacante reputabitur, adeoque totius circa præ-

sentem concessionem negotii onus, omnisq; ejusdem  
 exequendi, & expediendi cura atque potestas, quan-  
 tum ad omnes & singulas clausulas in supra re-  
 citatis Canonibus comprehensas, non in ipsum  
 Episcopum, nec in Metropolitanum, sed in Deca-  
 num, atque Capitulum Ecclesie *Lincoln.* vigore  
 præsentis decreti devolvetur durante  
 dictâ suspensione ejusdem  
 Episcopi.

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